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BEFORE THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re Application of: Diana Nguyen-Thien-Nhon, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 09/745,386) Examiner: A. Stewart
Filing Date: December 21, 2000)
10 For: HEART VALVE HOLDER THAT RESISTS SUTURE)
LOOPING)

SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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15 Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

20 Responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 11, 2002, please take into consideration
the following minor changes to claim 24 and enter the attached Rule 132 Declaration of Diana
Nguyen.

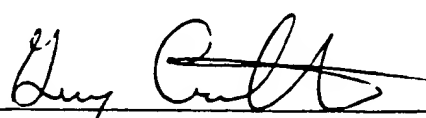
IN THE CLAIMS:

25 Claim 24 is amended to read as follows:

24. (Amended) The holder of claim 1, wherein the lengths of flexible material each
axially extend in second segments along two adjacent commissure posts and attach to a rigid
structure that abuts the annular sewing ring at the inflow end of the valve, wherein the second
segments of two adjacent lengths of flexible material cross over a second time along the common
30 commissure post prior to attaching to the structure.

Respectfully submitted,

35 Date: October 25, 2002


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